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### **District Man Pleads Guilty to Weapons Charge - Defendant Used a Starter Pistol to Threaten His Family -**

WASHINGTON – Shaun Tuck, 29, of Washington, D.C., has pled guilty to a charge of attempted assault with a dangerous weapon stemming from an incident that took place earlier this year during an argument with his wife, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Tuck pled guilty on July 13, 2011, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Jennifer Anderson scheduled sentencing for September 30, 2011. Under the court's voluntary sentencing guidelines, Tuck could face up to five years in prison.

According to the government's evidence, on May 4, 2011, Tuck and his wife got into an argument at their home in Northeast Washington and Tuck pushed her, causing her to knock over their two-year old child. As the tensions continued, Tuck's wife attempted to call the police. At that point, Tuck tackled her and struggled to get possession of her cell phone. Tuck eventually left the home and returned with what appeared to be a gun. He threatened his family while brandishing the gun. When police arrived, Tuck was arrested. During a search of the home, police found a starter pistol in the location where Tuck was believed to have put the gun.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) team, including Detectives Brian Cesear and Douglas Reynolds, Crime Scene Officer Trina Bruce, and Fifth District Officers Claude Jackson, Robert Scippio, and Charles Marshall. He also commended the efforts of those who worked on the case from the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Victim Advocate Meshall Thomas, Paralegal Troy Griffith, Legal Assistant Nicole Lee, and Summer Intern Marisa West for their assistance in investigating the case. Finally, he expressed his appreciation to Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela Pegram Saffoe, who prosecuted the case.